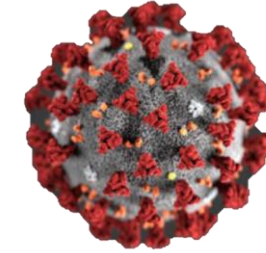


New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Twice a Month Call for Education and Childcare Partners



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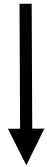
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Q&A Session: To ask a question use the Q&A feature in Zoom

- Hover over bottom of Zoom screen to find “Q&A”
- This is a public call, do NOT share confidential/sensitive information
- Ask general questions, individual consultation should be directed to the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496 (ask for a public health staff members)

Childcare/School Setting Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

Member of
Childcare/School Tests
Positive



*Reported to
NH DPHS*

1. Case Investigation

*Collection of medical information and
interview with COVID-19 case*

Childcare/School Role:

- None

NH DPHS Role:

- Conduct case investigation
- Interview case to identify locations visited / contacts

2. Contact Notification

The process of providing the initial notification and instructions to quarantine to persons identified as close contacts to a case of COVID-19

CHILDCARE/SCHOOL SETTING EXPOSURES

Childcare/School Role:

- Share facility layout with DHHS to assess risk
- Provide contact information for cases & exposed contacts to DHHS
- Issue community messaging, including notification of exposed contacts

OUTSIDE EXPOSURES TO CHILDCARE/SCHOOL - AFFILIATED PERSONS

Childcare/School Role:

- Provide contact information to DHHS
- Issue community or public messaging if warranted

OUTSIDE EXPOSURES TO PERSONS NOT CHILDCARE/SCHOOL - AFFILIATED

Childcare/School Role:

- None

NH DPHS Role:

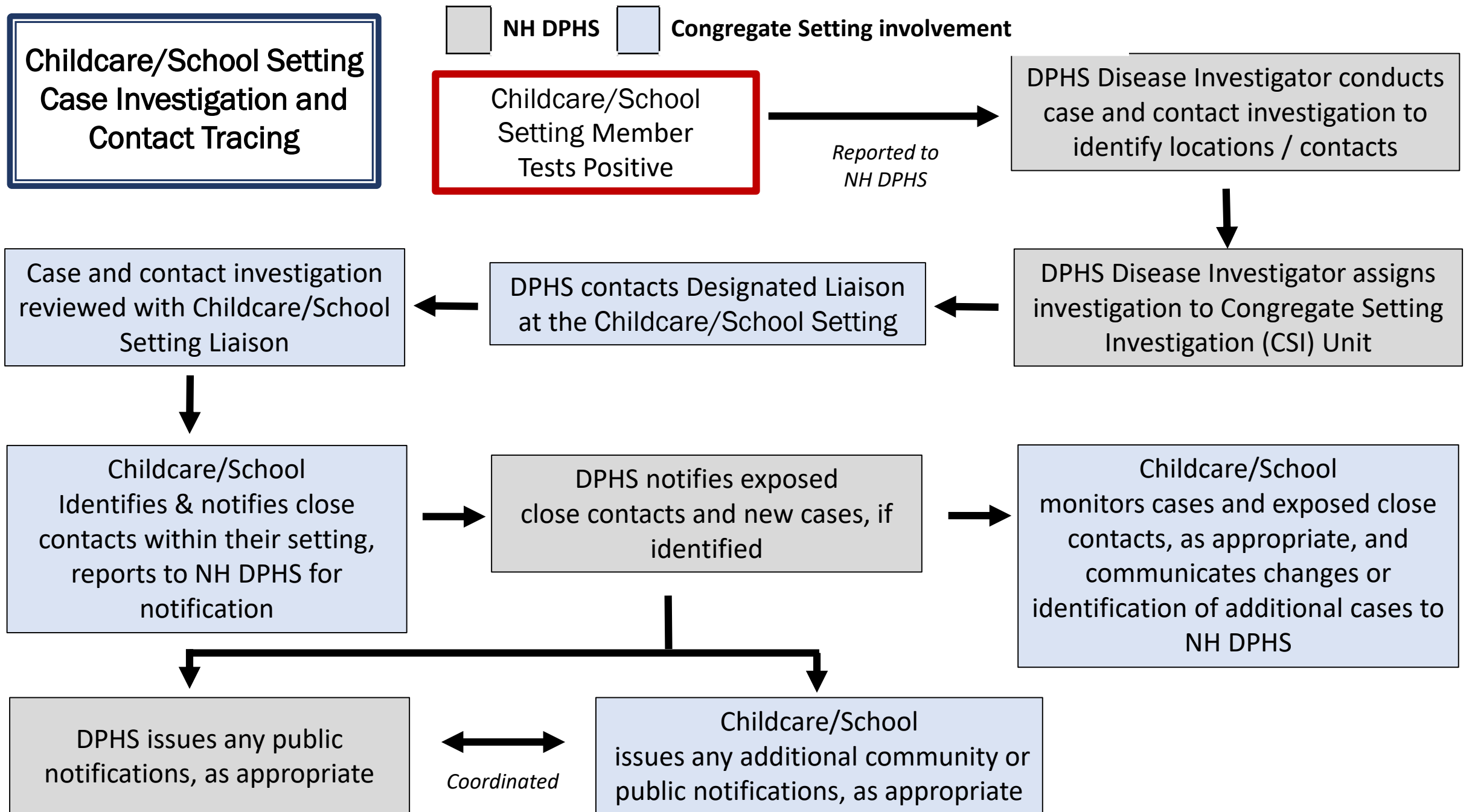
- Provide guidance and make notifications to exposed persons
- Issue public messaging, if warranted

3. Monitoring of COVID-19 in Childcare/School Setting

Childcare/School Role:

- Support remote / virtual learning / work, as appropriate
- For people housed in the setting, provide safe location to live separately from others, including access to essential supports (e.g. food, laundry, medications, etc.), as appropriate
- Communicate to NH DHHS during monitoring period

NH DPHS Role: Provide guidance and answer questions throughout monitoring period



Role of the NH DHHS Investigation Team

Support the facility to mitigate the spread of further transmission within the facility and prevent new infections

- **Provide initial overview of contact tracing guidance, infection control recommendations**
 - Direct to resources for future self-directed planning and action by the part of the facility or the point of contact
- **Collect relevant information necessary for:**
 - Case identification for the purpose of isolation
 - Contact tracing: assist in educating the school how to determine close contacts in the school setting for quarantine
 - Identifying in-school transmission: assist in determining epidemiological links within the facility

Role of Childcare/School Partners

Partner with DPHS to determine close contacts to the case

- Conduct contact tracing for exposures within the school setting
 - Notify identified close contacts of their need to be excluded from school
- Notify NH DHHS of identification of additional cases

Helpful items to have:

- Class, bus and athletic/club schedule for any case, including seating charts
- Data: total number of students/staff in school, total number staff/students in each impacts classroom/area of the school
- Contact information (or contact information for parent/guidance) for case and any identified close contacts

Childcare/School Resources

- [NH DHHS Educational and Childcare COVID-19 FAQ](#)
- [NH DHHS COVID-19 School Toolkit](#)
- [Checklist for Education and Childcare Facilities to Assist in Contact Tracing](#)



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Education Partners
April 16, 2021**

This document provides recommendations from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services. Educational institutions may implement additional measures to meet their school needs. If you need additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to NH DHHS at 603-271-4496 or 603-271-5300, after regular business hours, and ask to speak to the Public Health Professional on call.

NH DHHS hosts a weekly **Educational Institution Partner Call** every **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in April**. All our educational partners are invited to attend. This includes school nurses, administrators and staff:



- **BEGINNING APRIL: 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY of the MONTH at 3:30-4:30**
- Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/98062195081>
- Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
 - o Meeting ID: 980 6219 5081

